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Face-to-Face  
A program to improve understanding of international issues through direct communication between Government officials and private citizens sponsored jointly by the American Foreign Service Association and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

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Dear Study Group Member:

Over the past several years, David Biltchik, as the director of the Face-to-Face program, sponsored periodic evening discussions of general foreign policy topics at which various guest speakers -- from Stanley Hoffmann to Dean Rusk -- would present their ideas at a dinner discussion session. You were on the list of those asked. I replaced David Biltchik as the director of Face-to-Face several months ago and while I have been exploring other ways for Face-to-Face to meet its goals, I intend to continue this series of evening discussions with the same guest list if they remain interested. I hope you'll let me know if you want to continue being included in our activities.

Our first evening session will be Thursday, February 20. We plan to hold it at the Foreign Service Club, across from the Department of State, at the corner of 21st & E Streets. Marcus Raskin, co-founder and co-director of Washington's Institute for Policy Studies, will be the speaker. His talk will focus on the issue of accountability in foreign policy: What are the responsibilities of the bureaucracy in implementing a given policy? What role should Congress play in watching over the bureaucracy's activities and where does the citizenry fit in? Mr. Raskin has just had published a short book, Notes on the Old System: To Transform American Politics, which touches on these issues, and can provide something of a background to his ideas. If you can make the evening session and would like to familiarize yourself with some of Mr. Raskin's views beforehand, we'd be delighted to provide you with a copy of this book.

→ Senator Abourezk has agreed to act as moderator for the discussion during the evening, which I know will make the session even more provocative. As in the past, guests are asked for a drink at 6:30; Mr. Raskin will begin his remarks at 7:00 and dinner will be served at 8:30. Further discussion will continue over coffee. The whole evening should be over by 10:00.

Please r.s.v.p. to my office.

Sincerely,

T. McAdams Deford

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A program begun in December 1971 to improve  
understanding of international issues through  
direct communication between Government officials  
and private citizens.

- Focus on academia, non-government organizations,  
business and media people (not equipped to deal  
with public at large.)
- To remedy the lack of dialogue between State and  
academia, lack of real interest on both sides.
- To draw on the best ideas on both sides  
(Sponsored luncheon for "Old China Hands")
- To get Govt to be more open to those on the outside.
- Avoids advocacy of any on foreign policy.
- To serve a broker or middle man in dialogue.

Two types of regular programs:

- Luncheon meetings with outside speaker, usually  
an author of a book on some aspect of foreign policy.  
..some 30 people usually attend(20 from State,  
others from other agencies and Congressional staff)
- Evening sessions, monthly--some 75 people usually  
attend, including some academicians and newsmen.  
..specific foreign policy issues with discussion  
and exchange of views

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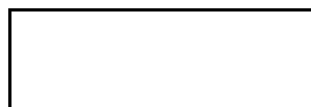
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